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PAVE BURE STOC KACHAKOFF COPE, (SECRET) BOGE  
MINT LOAN BULN VERN GRVA BERN AINS  
PROB FRAM DWAK SURA TOKY ANKA TELA  
NACH 10500 KARI MEXI BURE MONT  
LOND BRUS HAOV BURE

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WOOD

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1. POLITICAL MATTERS FOR INFORMATION WITH SOVIETS RE CURRENT USSR ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. AS NOTED REY, ITEMS INCLUDED AS OPERATIONAL AID FOR ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION SOVIETS, AND AS MEANS SHOW DOUBT RE REGIMES ABILITY DEAL WITH ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. RECIPIENTS SHOULD NOT REPORT ALL ITEMS BUT SELECT ITEMS APPROPRIATE FOR OWN USE. REPORT REGIMES CONTACTS VIA OPS CHANNELS. HQS WILL SCREEN FOR VALUE TEL.

2. WESTERN PRESS (REUTERS VIENNA 16 NOV) REPORTED STRIKE BY WORKERS KRIVOI ROG. REASONS WERE HEAVY SHORTAGE AND DEMAND FOR WAGE INCREASES MEET RISING FOOD COSTS. SINCE NO ANNOUNCEMENTS FOOD PRICE INCREASES TO DATE, ARE THEY BEING RAISED SECRETLY? WHAT ITEMS AFFECTED? HEAVY PRICES BEING INCREASED? HOW MUCH? AS MUCH AS THIRTY PERCENT PINE MEAT PRICES LAST YEAR? IF PRICES BEING RAISED, IS FATTURE MAKE THIS FURTHER INFLAMED GOVERNMENT YEARS RIOTS SUCH AS LAST YEAR

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NOVOCATIONARY WHEN MEAT AND MILK PRICES INCREASED

3. KHRUSHCHEV IN PLENUM SPEECH SAID GRAIN CROP TWENTY PERCENT BELOW LAST YEAR AND MEAT SUPPLIES UP. AS RESULT EXTENSIVE BUSINESS SLAUGHTERING LIVESTOCK IN VIEW SEVERE FODDER SHORTAGE. KHRUSHCHEV ALSO SAID MILK PRODUCTION DOWN THIS YEAR. DOES THIS INDICATE EVEN MILK COWS BEING SLAUGHTERED DUE FODDER SHORTAGE?

4. IF FODDER IN SUCH SHORT SUPPLY WIDESPREAD SLAUGHTERING NECESSARY, WILL SOVIET GOVERNMENT FOLLOW HUNGARY EXAMPLE AND BUY FEED GRAINS ABROAD, IN ADDITION WHEAT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION?

5. KHRUSHCHEV SAID SOVIET CITIZENS STARVED 19-7 WHILE GRAIN BEING EXPORTED, ESPECIALLY TO BUY FOR IMPORTS MACHINERY AND OTHER CAPITAL GOODS. COULD SITUATION BECOME THAT SERIOUS THIS YEAR? HAS OR WILL SOVIET GOVERNMENT PUT IMPORTATION ON ALL FOOD SHIPMENTS ABROAD, OR WILL IT CONTINUE SELF FOOD EASTERN EUROPE AND CUBA AS IN PAST YEARS WHETHER HARVEST GOOD OR BAD?

6. WESTERN PRESS (REUTERS VIRGINIA 10 NOV) REPORTED SOVIET GOVERNMENT COMRADE REFUSED LOAD BUTTER FOR CUBA. HAVE CUBA GOVERNMENT BEEN STOPPED? KHRUSHCHEV SAID CUBAN SUPPLIES DOWN THIS YEAR IN VIEW. STATE CUBA NORMALLY BUYS CUBAN

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THE SUBJECT OF ORDERED CONTINUE FOOD SHIPMENTS CUBA IN MARCHES REGARDLESS  
 FOOD AT HOME. ORDERED FOOD CUBA HAS BEEN FOOD PRODUCING EQUIPMENT  
 CUBA. WILL THESE SHIPMENTS CONTINUE OR WILL CUBA BE FORCED  
 NEW AGRICULTURAL EFFORT?

THE CHEMICAL PROGRAM WILL BE TROUBLED DRAIN ON SOVIET ECONOMY.  
 INVESTMENT IN CHEMICALS TO MAINTAIN SOVIET MILITARY POWER OR BLACKENING  
 ECONOMIC GROWTH. THEREFORE WILL NOT CONSUMPTION SECTOR BEAR BURDEN THIS INVEST-  
 MENT. CHEMICAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (FERTILIZER, INSECTICIDES, HERBICIDES) LARGELY  
 AFFECT FOOD AND FIBER PRODUCTION, AND INVESTMENT TAKEN OF INCREASING FOOD AND  
 CLOTHING PRODUCTION THROUGH CHEMICAL PROGRAM, WILL NOT MAKE OF BUDGET INVESTMENT  
 FALL ON HOUSING, ONLY L. CONSUMPTION SECTOR REMAINING. WILL NOT HOUSING  
 CONSTRUCTION BE CUT SHARPLY OR ALMOST HALTED? BESIDES WILL NOT HOUSING PROBLEM  
 BE INTENSIFIED BY INFLOW WORKERS TO MAN NEW CHEMICAL FACTORIES, MANY OF WHICH  
 IN AREAS WHERE LITTLE HOUSING NOW AVAILABLE?

8. IS KHRUSHCHEV DEMAND FOR CREDIT FROM WEST TO FINANCE INVESTMENT PROGRAM  
 INDICATION SOVIET GOLD RESERVES AT MODERATE LEVELS? IS THERE EFFORT IMPROVE PRESENT  
 MINING METHODS OR FIND NEW GOLD DEPOSITS TO PAY FOR MASSIVE IMPORTS?

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10. IF USSR RECEIVES LONG TERM CREDITS FROM WEST FOR CHEMICAL PROGRAM AND  
 OTHERS. WHAT MEASURES BE TAKEN PAY BACK LOANS? WILL INTERESTS BE SOUGHT,  
 IF NO OTHER COLLATION AT HAND?

11. PRIVATE PLOTS OF FARM WORKERS MOST PRODUCTIVE THAN SOVIET AGRICULTURE,  
 AND ADDITIONAL INCREASES THEREIN WOULD RESULT LARGE GAIN FOOD OUTPUT. WILL  
 ANY MEASURES BE TAKEN TO HOLD PEASANTS FOR USE ON PLOTS?

12. SOVIET GOVERNMENT MUST REALIZE FROM THE PERIOD AND RECENT EXPERIENCE,  
 FROM EXAMPLE OF PEASANT PRIVATE PLOTS SINCE 1930s THAT GIVING LAND TO PEASANTS  
 WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY INCREASE FOOD FOR SOVIET POPULATION. FINANCIAL  
 POLITICAL DISARRANGEMENT IS NOT ANOTHER REASON THIS NOT BEING DONE FEAR OF  
 INCREASED PRODUCTION SUCH AS INCREASED MILKING BUT PERIOD, THAT INCREASE WOULD  
 RESULT FROM OVERPRODUCTION ON FARMS, FOR WHICH NO CONSUMERS GOODS TO EXCHANGE IS  
 SO. SOVIET ADMINISTRATION AND POOR PEASANTRY ONE MAY HOLD DOWN DEMAND FOR CONSUMERS  
 GOODS, EVEN WHEN IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY, AND TO CONCENTRATE ON MILITARY AND  
 INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION WITHOUT EXCESSIVE INFLATIONARY PRESSURE. REGARDLESS  
 WHAT THE ADMINISTRATION, WOULD SOVIET GOVERNMENT REALLY WANT PROSPEROUS PEASANTRY,  
 AND NOT ASIDE MILITARY POWER, FOREIGN ACQUISITIONS, ECONOMIC GROWTH

13. SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAVE ENOUGH TRAINING AND DOCTORS TOO LOW AND MUST

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MY MARCH: AGRICULTURAL WORKERS LOWEST PAID IN SOVIET UNION. DOES NOT  
 GOVERNMENT AND BELIEVE THEIR WAGES TOO LOW AND MUST BE INCREASED:

PHYSICAL THROUGH LATENT IN LONG SERIES PARADES, INCLUDING NEW LANDS,  
 AND OTHERS, PLAN TO INCREASE UP TO 11. 8. IN MEAT AND MILK OUTPUT, FALLOW LAND  
 FROM 10 TO 15 AND OTHERS, ALL OF WHICH FAILED. EACH PROMISED ASSURE  
 ASSURANCE IN FUTURE. WILL SOVIET PEOPLE BE WILLING WAIT AGAIN, THIS TIME TILL  
 1970, THEIR LATENT PARADES TESTED, OR THEIR PATIENCE AND HOPE EXHAUSTED? DO  
 THEY BELIEVE GOVERNMENT SERIOUS IN PUTTING FORTH PROGRAM, OR THEY THINK IT JUST  
 ANOTHER ATTEMPT BY REGIME GAIN TIME IN HOPE PROBLEMS SOMEHOW DISAPPEAR?

14. MUCH OF SOVIET UNION TOO DRY FOR EFFECTIVE FERTILIZER UTILIZATION,  
 ESPECIALLY GRAIN AREAS. WILL CONCOMITANT INVESTMENT IRRIGATION BE MADE SO  
 FERTILIZER, IF AND WHEN PRODUCED, BE EFFECTIVELY USED? WHERE WILL INVESTMENT  
 FUNDS FOR THIS COME FROM?

15. IN PLENUM SPEECH KHRUSHCHEV ONCE MORE REFERRED TO LYSENKO AS EXAMPLE  
 SCIENTIFIC PRACTITIONER. DOES THIS MEAN LYSENKO AND HIS THEORIES, COMPLETELY  
 DISCREDITED BY AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS EVERYWHERE OUTSIDE MOSCOW, CONTINUE HAVE

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GREAT LOSSES IN SOVIET AGRICULTURE EVEN IN TIME OF CRISIS?  
THEY ARE NOT SHOWN BY THE DATA ONLY BY THE FACTS WHICH SHOW THE  
LITERATURE WHICH IT PLAYS THE ONE, FAMILIAR TYRANNY.

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